

OAKHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1944GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) ... ..	52,551
Registrar General's estimate of population ... ..	6,209
Number of inhabited houses... ..	1,916
Rateable Value ... ..	£44,574
Sum represented by a penny rate ... ..	£182

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Rate for</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Rate for</u> <u>England &amp; Wales</u>
Birth Rate ... ..	19.6	17.6
Death Rate ... ..	11.7	11.6
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ... ..	49.1	46



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH  
SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B., Ch.B.,  
D.P.H. Camb.

The Medical Officer acts for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Sanitary Inspector - G. E. Wells, Royal Sanitary  
Institute and Sanitary  
Inspector's Examination, Royal  
Sanitary Institute, Meat & Other  
Foods and Certificate General  
Hygiene.

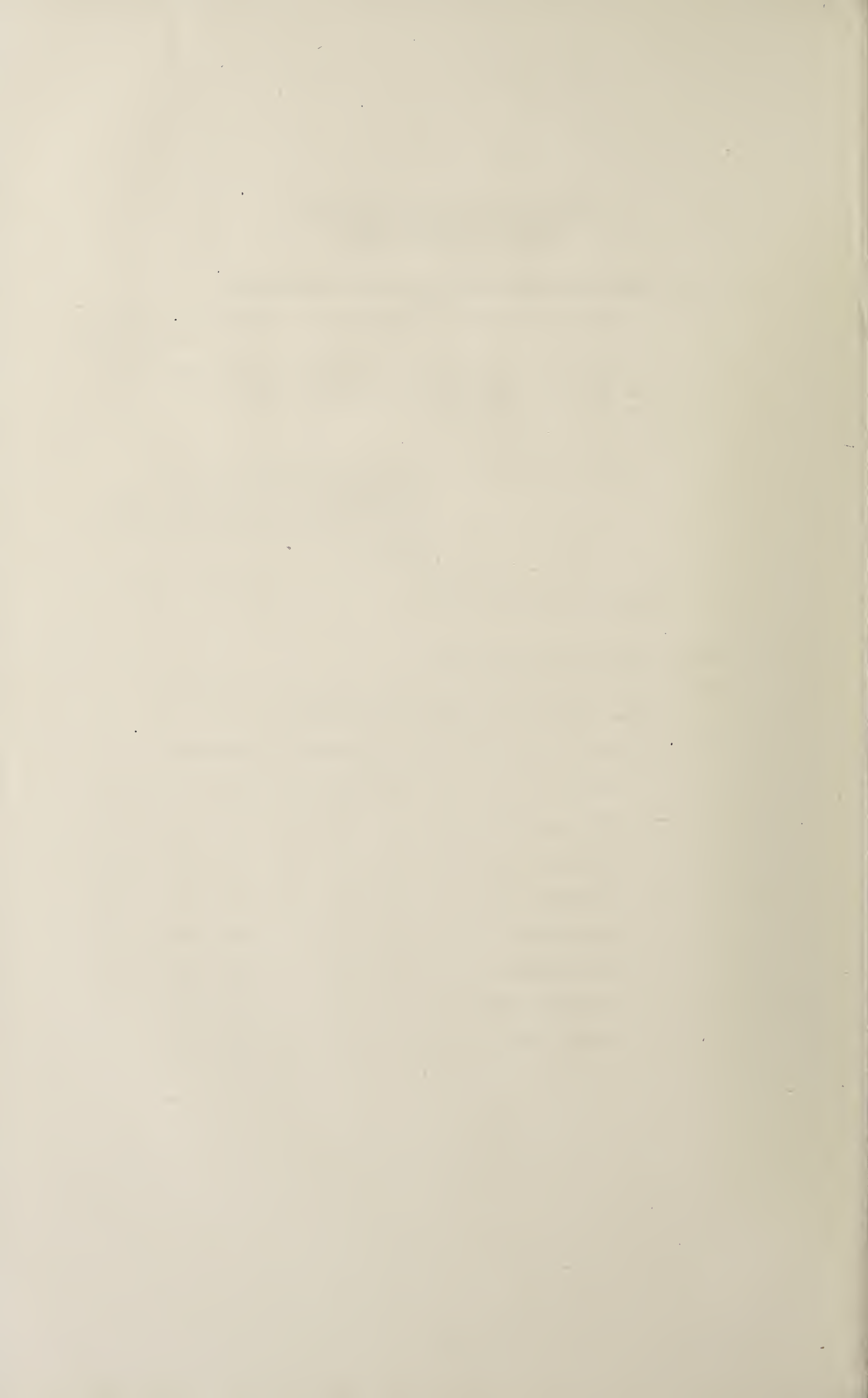
The Sanitary Inspector is also the Surveyor of the Rural District.

(ii) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations from your area were carried out during the year:-

Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Leicester:-

Blood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Throat Swabs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
Faeces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Sputum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Gum Swab	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ear Swabs..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pleural effusion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nasal Swab	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1





## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The whole position regarding existing sanitary circumstances of the area was reviewed by the Council when in June, 1944, a joint Report drawn up by the Sanitary Inspector and myself outlining the requirements of the various villages of the District in matters relating to Sewerage, Housing and Water Supply was presented to the Council. It is hoped that this Report will prove of material assistance when the Post War Schemes for the area are in the course of preparation

### 1.(1) WATER

Number of samples taken for analysis:-

(a)	from wells ... ..	18
(b)	from pipe supply...	20

Results from samples taken:-

(a)	from wells -	
	Satisfactory ... ..	6
	Unsatisfactory ... ..	12
(b)	from pipe supply -	
	Satisfactory ... ..	8
	Unsatisfactory ... ..	12

Number of wells:-

(a)	closed ... ..	2
(b)	Cleansed, repaired, etc. ... ..	6

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for for well water ... .. 5

Number of Parishes with piped water supply:-

(a)	from public mains ... ..	6
(b)	from private reservoirs ... ..	9

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply.. ... 13

Samples taken from the Council's water undertakings have proved quite satisfactory, but cleaning out of private wells has been necessary in some cases to ensure a wholesome supply.

ii During the course of 1944 the extension of the water main from Market Overton to Barrow was completed, and that village provided with a sufficient and wholesome supply of water for all purposes.

### (11) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of cesspools constructed during the year ... ..	3
Number of cesspools abolished during the year ... ..	Nil
Total number on 31st. December, 1944 ... ..	335

#### Sewerage

Repairs to existing sewers in Langham, Whissendine, Market Overton and other villages were carried out as necessary during the course of 1944.

Part of the sewers in the Parish of Eggleton were relaid owing to the unsatisfactory state of some of the existing pipes.

#### Sewage disposal

Periodical attention to minor defects at the various works has been given when occasion demanded.



## 2. (1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in the District at the end  
of 1944: ... ..

Privies ... ..	47
Pail Closets ... ..	1515
Water Closets ... ..	307

Number of closets converted to the water  
carriage system during the year:-

Privies ... ..	Nil
Pails ... ..	2

Number of privies converted to pail closets during  
the year ... .. 1

## (1i) PUBLIC CLEANSING

Nine of the villages in the District -- Cottessmore, Exton, Empingham, Langham, Market Overton, Greetham, Tickencote, Manton and Whitwell, are now provided with a weekly collection of refuse carried out by the Contractors on behalf of the Council. A partial removal is provided for Ashwell, Barrow, and Whissendine.

The first-named nine villages are provided with a weekly scavenging system of night-soil carried out by Contractors on behalf of the Council. Cesspools at Empingham are emptied by contract.

During the year, by arrangement with the Women's Voluntary Service and other local bodies, some 25 tons, 10 cwt. of waste paper, cardboard, rags and bones, were salvaged and disposed of for the sum of £171 : 1 : 9.

## (1ii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA


The particulars given under this Heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report:-

Total number of complaints received ... ..	68
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered ... ..	119

Following a protest by the Council to the Divisional Petroleum Officer, a more reasonable allowance of petrol for the purpose of sanitary inspection was forthcoming in 1944, and the serious dislocation of these duties referred to in the 1943 Report did not recur.

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re-visits</u>
Dwelling houses	331	385
Tents, Vans, etc.	2	3
Slaughter houses	11	-
Dairies and cowsheds	103	82
Offensive Trades	-	-
Animal keeping	23	35
Workshops, etc.	18	28
Shops	11	12
Other premises	437	989
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## NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding 1st. January	8	1
Issued during the year	71	42
Complied with during year	64	35
Statutory action necessary	6	1
outstanding 31st. December	9	7

<u>Statutory</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	22	-
Issued during the year	6	1
Complied with during the year	5	1
Statutory action necessary	6	1
Outstanding 31st. December	23	-

### (iv) SHOPS

Action taken during the year under the Provisions of the Shop Act, 1934 :-

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Defects Found</u>	<u>Defects remedied</u>	<u>Outstanding 31st. Dec.</u>
Sanitary conveniences	-	2	2	-
Temperature	-	-	-	-
Ventilation	-	-	-	-

### (v) CAMPING SITES

Number of sites in the area used for camping purposes during the year ... ..	2
Number of camping sites for which licences have been issued ... ..	-
Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area during summer months ... ..	10

### (vi) REGULATED BUILDINGS

	<u>Number in District</u>	<u>Number of inspections</u>	<u>Action taken</u>	<u>General Conditions</u>
Tents, Vans Sheds, etc.	2	5	Removed	Satisfactory

The removal of vans situated in the Parishes of Exton and Market Overton was effected during the course of the year without resort to legal proceedings.

## H O U S I N G

### INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	331
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... ..	716
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 ... ..	16
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	2



(4)	Number of dwelling houses exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	71
2.	<u>REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.</u>	
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	64
3.	<u>ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-</u>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-	
(1)	by owners ... ..	5
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	1
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-	
(a)	Owners ... ..	1
(c)	Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-	
	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of the Demolition Orders ... ..	Nil
	Following action under the Housing Act, 1936 and reconstruction of premises under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, ten cottages have been reconstructed forming seven houses, three very small cottages being incorporated as part of the altered buildings.	
4.	<u>HOUSING ACT PART IV - OVERCROWDING</u>	
(a)	(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... ..	4
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein.. ... ..	5
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein .. ... ..	20
(b)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ..	1
(c)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ..	Nil
	Number of persons concerned in such cases ... ..	Nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a)	<u>MILK SUPPLY</u>		
		<u>Cowkeepers</u>	<u>Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than Cowkeepers)</u>
	Number on Register ... ..	153	6
	Number of inspections of premises... ..	122	19
	Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year... ..	3	-
	Number of contraventions found during the year... ..	26	1
	Number of contraventions remedied during the year.. ... ..	21	1
	Number of contraventions outstanding 31st. Dec... ..	5	-







### Total Contraventions

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Found during Year</u>	<u>Remedied during Year</u>	<u>Outstanding 31st. Dec.</u>
Cleansing	-	8	8	-
Structural alterations	2	18	13	5
Utensils	-	1	1	-
Other	-	-	-	-

#### (b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Private Slaughter Houses:-

In Jan, 1944   In Dec, 1944

Number registered	-	-
Number licensed	11	11+

+ Under War-time regulations slaughtering for this area is now carried out at Melton Mowbray.

Number of visits to premises other than at times of slaughter ... .. 11

#### MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES, ETC.

15 inspections were made.

#### PLACES WHERE FOOD OTHER THAN MEAT IS KEPT OR PREPARED FOR SALE.

18 inspections were made.

### PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	25	24	-
Whooping Cough	10	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-
Measles	12	-	-
Dysentery	6	2	-
Pneumonia	8	-	3
Chicken Pox	6	-	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-

### AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under one	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & over
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	7	6	9	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	1	1	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Measles	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	6	3	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	2
Chicken Pox	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-



# TUBERCULOSIS

## New Cases and Mortality during 1943

Age Group	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The following cases of infectious diseases were also notified by the Army and R.A.F. Authorities in the District:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Total</u>
Measles	1	19	1
Jaundice	1	21	1
Pneumonia	1	23	1
Erysipelas	1	46	1

## SCABIES

The arrangements made with the Joint Committee of the Melton & Belvoir Rural District Council and the Melton Mowbray Urban District Council for the treatment of adult cases of Scabies in the area at the Scabies Centre, Melton Mowbray have proved quite satisfactory.

In addition a number of children of school age and under have received Institutional treatment at the Council's Evacuation Hostel at "The Croft", Manton, with the Ministry of Health's approval.

